

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 329

SENATE BILL NO. 1612

By Norris

Substituted for: House Bill No. 90

By Harmon

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 51 and Title 65, relative to passenger transportation services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, Chapter 15, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

§ 65-15-128. Notwithstanding any provision of this title or Title 7, Chapter 51, to the contrary, each for-hire motor carrier providing passenger transportation service in a motor vehicle or motor vehicles designed or constructed to accommodate and transport passengers, eight (8) or more in number, exclusive of the driver, shall at a minimum:

(1) Maintain a policy of liability insurance in the amount of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in value which shall bind the obligors thereunder to make compensation for injury to persons and for loss of or damage to property resulting from the negligent operation by such driver;

(2) Conduct a program of mandatory random drug testing for the operators of its motor vehicles in accordance with regulations promulgated by the United States Department of Transportation;

(3) Require the operators of its motor vehicles to submit to an annual physical examination in accordance with regulations promulgated by the United States Department of Transportation;

(4) Submit each motor vehicle operated in such capacity to an annual safety examination, to be conducted by the Department of Safety; and

(5) Comply with all other requirements deemed necessary to protect the public safety and welfare as specified by the Department of Safety in its promulgation of rules and regulations to effectuate such purpose.

SECTION 2. The Commissioner of Safety is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of promulgating rules and regulations, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 21, 2007



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 4th day of June 2007



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR